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Visitors to the Northville District Library will notice some bright new signage in the building, designed specifically to aid visual communication about library services.

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Nominations are now being accepted in Plymouth for the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement.

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Members of the Wayne Rotary Club are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the club by performing one service project each month.

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Warming centers are available throughout Westland in response to the extreme cold temperatures in the area.

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School cleaning service criticized by board

In addition to preparing lesson plans and grading papers, some teachers in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools are now cleaning their classrooms before students arrive.

Members of the Plymouth Canton board of education expressed their dissatisfaction with that situation and the performance of current janitorial provider, ABM Industry Group. Currently, board members said, there is an unsatisfactory level of cleanliness in the 15 elementary, five middle and four high schools in the district. Six schools had not been formally inspected by ABM employees during the first quarter, a statistic board members said was unacceptable.

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Board members expressed their dissatisfaction and told ABM Account Manager Melissa Mascarello that while they understood the impact of staffing problems caused by the pandemic, current services were not as agreed or within the staffing limits expected when the contract was awarded to ABM in July of 2021.

The failure to formally inspect the schools was especially problematic for board Treasurer Patrick Kehoe.

"That's a big miss on your part," Kehoe told Mascarello. "We expect better. I do not want to be sitting here during your second quarter presentation hearing about the same issues."

ABM janitorial staffing is at about 60 percent of the anticipated 104 cleaners assigned to Plymouth Canton schools, according to Kehoe. He said that rather than the 104 personnel, there were only 70 as of Jan. 11.

Mascarello explained the firm is attempting to hire employees and offering $1,000 signing bonuses, $500 referral bonuses and $150 monthly attendance bonuses in an effort to increase staffing. She said that hourly wages for custodians are $16.15, an increase from the $14.21 per hour previously paid.

She said that ABM had a turnover rate of only 18 percent, or 13 employees during the past seven months, far less than the general 40 percent rate.

"Once we hire more people, it will relieve some stress on employees we have, Mascarello told the board members.

She said the company currently has 16 potential employees in the final stages of the hiring process which should help to alleviate the current problems.

35 and out...

Veteran officer leaves Northville after 3 decades of service

Northville Township Police Officer James Beamish, who once wrestled a deer while on patrol, was on duty for the last time Jan. 25. He officially retired from the department after 35 years of service Jan. 30.

Beamish has been a constant fixture in the department since joining as a dispatcher in September 1987, when Northville Township still had an active Angus cattle farm and Beck Road was unpaved dirt from Five Mile to Eight Mile. After seven years as a police dispatcher, Beamish enrolled at Schoolcraft College Police Academy, fulfilling his dream to become a sworn police officer, following in his father's footsteps.

"My father, who worked for 32 years for the Wixom Police Department, is the person who has been the most influential of my career," Beamish said.

His father never wrestled a deer, though. Beamish said one of his many unforgettable calls in his three decades of service took place when he and other township officers responded to a resident's back yard after a buck was tangled up in a soccer net and stuck in some shrubbery.

"I held him (the deer) down while they (other officers) worked to free the net, and let me tell you, deer are strong," said Beamish, who runs marathons as a hobby.

Northville Township Police Officer James Beamish has retired from the department after 34 years of service. Beamish, the first certified computer forensic investigator in the department. said he is looking forward to his "next chapter."

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While his last assignment with the department had him serving on road patrol and as an evidence technician, Beamish has excelled in multiple positions throughout his career, officials said. He was a member of the township Accident Investigation Team, served as the department traffic enforcement officer, worked as a detective in the detective bureau, a rotating position, where he pioneered the way by becoming the first certified computer forensic investigator in Northville Township.

He also left his mark on the department as a field training officer when, for two decades, he was responsible for the training of new officers to ensure that the best practices and competencies of the department were met.

"I enjoyed training new officers," Beamish said. "It was so rewarding" because he helped shape the future of the department, he said.

Beamish said he is most proud of his work as a computer forensic investigator.

"There are a couple of people on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry because of me," he said.

"Officer Beamish is one of the most versatile, talented police officers in the department," said Todd Mutchler, township manager and director of public safety. "He tackles every assignment with gusto. We will miss him and his enthusiasm for a job well done."

Beamish says he will miss assisting residents. He's saved at least four lives by using CPR and helped locate several lost children and those with dementia during his career with the department.

"Those are the most rewarding moments," he said.

Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo recalled that Beamish's colleagues chose him as 2020 Police Officer of the Year, praising him for balancing excellent policing skills with both pride and humility.

"Congratulations to Officer Beamish on a wonderful career," Abbo said. "Thank you for your dedication to our community. We appreciate your service."

Beamish said that he won't be idle in his retirement and is looking forward to his next career.

"I'm ready to turn the page and start a new chapter," he said.

Annual Vietnam Veterans event set for Feb. 11, 12

The largest annual fundraiser for the Vietnam Veterans of Plymouth-Canton is set for Feb. 11, and 12 in downtown Plymouth this year during the 40th Annual Ice Festival.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans, a Congressionally chartered group exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families, will be on hand at the traditional Party Tent erected in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's restaurant. The tent, which this year is a 4,000 square-foot structure with doors and windows, will be the site of live entertainment both Friday and Saturday nights. Veterans from the group will be checking identification at the door and collecting the $5 per person cover charge, which is one of the largest annual fundraisers for the group.

E.G. Nick's co-owner Frank Agostini said that the veterans do a "great job" at the door welcoming the over- 21 crowd to the entertainment tent. "All the funds, 100 percent of what is collected, goes directly to the veterans and it stays in the community to help local vets and their families," Agostini said.

The party will start at 8 p.m. Friday when Moxie Blitz will entertain the crowds and on Saturday, Power Play Detroit will take to the stage.

"We have people who drop $20 and $50 in because this is such a good cause," Agostini said. "We're looking forward to it again this year."

Sumpter

Temporary employee for clerk's office OK'd

Concerns regarding staffing in the office of the clerk prompted Sumpter Township trustees to revisit their earlier approval of a temporary employee in the office.

During the Jan. 25 meeting of the members of the board, Trustee Matt Oddy suggested that the board approve the hiring of a temporary employee to handle payroll and payable duties in the clerk's office. Those duties had been added to the responsibilities of Township Clerk Esther Hurst when former Township Administrator Michelle Cole abruptly resigned in November.

Oddy expressed his concern about the staffing levels and the current workload in the clerk's office.

"We definitely need to hire somebody," Oddy explained. "I would like to hire a full-time temporary employee to handle this work and bring some relief to the clerk's office."

Oddy said that while the board members had agreed to have ADP handle payroll at a $60,000 annual fee, the necessary hiring of a full-time clerk to handle human resources and payroll would increase that cost. "Should we bring that back in-house and handle it ourselves?" he said. "I think we should approve a temp to handle payroll and payable duties until we decide what we want to do."

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Trustee Don LaPorte said that he felt that the duties in question should be performed by a salaried or non-union employee.

"It's not proper to have an hourly union person overseeing family and medical leaves of another union employee," he said.

"I would like to a motion to table this request to see what plans are. I think it is prudent to take our time and get all the facts in front of us."

LaPorte suggested the board table the hiring of a full-time temporary employee for two weeks.

Oddy reminded the board members that they had previously authorized the employment of a temporary employee in the clerk's office and asked that they act on that previous approval to provide some aid in Hurst's office. He asked that the minutes of the meeting reflect the trustees' past approval of that hiring.

Trustees agreed that the person hired would be a "different level of clerk and a different caliber of employee" and said an accounting background would be preferable in light of the current work assigned to Hurst's office.

Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick commented that he could reach out to some past employment candidates "who had these qualifications" to see if there was any level of interest in the position.

Trustees unanimously agreed to his suggestion.

Hurst and Trustee Peggy Morgan were excused from the meeting.

Board members approve early purchase of 2 police patrol cars

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the $81,212.80 purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles during the Jan. 25 meeting.

It may take some time, however, for the new patrol cars to appear on township roads. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke explained that he was requesting the approval of the budgeted purchase now in an effort to get in line when the vehicles are once again being produced by Ford Motor Co.

He said that production of the cars was stopped last spring due to the shortage of computer chips necessary to operate the vehicles. Luke explained that the standard law enforcement practice is to double the mileage shown on the vehicle odometer. "We double the mileage on the vehicle due to wear and tear and that's before you bring in Sumpter Township roads."

He explained that two patrol cars were due for replacement next year as they would have about 120,000 miles on the odometer, which would be considered 250,000 miles due to the exceptional use during routine police patrols.

He explained that because the cars are not in production he was requesting the purchase of two vehicles in an effort to "get on the list" when the interceptor utility vehicles are again in production. He said there was no anticipated date for the resumption of production and that while the manufacturer might begin to produce vehicles, without the chips they could be sent to "sit on a lot somewhere."

He said reliable vehicles are a crucial tool for law enforcement.

"We do not want these vehicles to break down on the way to an emergency-if someone was breaking down your door," he said. One replacement patrol vehicle was ordered last April and has still not been delivered, he said, due to the lack of computer chips

Luke said that the department had benefitted from an extended vehicle warranty the township purchased which has cut down on repair costs.

"It is good to know that if a car breaks down, we can take it in and get it repaired the next day without some extreme cost," he said. He added that when new vehicles are delivered, older cars are transferred into the detective bureau or other uses. "We don't take them out of use," he said.

Approval of the purchase from Atchinson Ford was by unanimous vote of the trustees with Trustee Peggy Morgan and Township Clerk Esther Hurst excused from the meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

AMENDED

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Tina Talley
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff

1. **Agenda - The Clerk asked Council to approve an amended agenda to include an action item.**
   A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Amended agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #22-001** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Wadsworth, Webb Abstain - Roscoe, Williams
   Motion Carried.
   B. **Res. # 22-002** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the special meeting - study session held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the draft for the Non-Motorized Pathway Plan for the City of Romulus.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe
   Motion Carried.
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #22-003 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a Retirement Resolution for Paul England's 46 years of service with the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   Res. #22-004 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a Memorial Resolution in memory of Deborah Hester. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   Res. #22-005 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a Memorial Resolution in memory of Ed Klimaszewski. (RPD Dispatcher). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #22-006** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve a one (1) hour Study Session for Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm for the Audit Presentation by Plante Moran. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment -** None
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
    Res. #22-007 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution objecting to the finalized electoral boundaries established for the City of Romulus in the Redistricting Map (Hickory) approved by the Michigan Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission (MICRC). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
12. **Adjournment**
    A. Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 4, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Victoria Trush - Assistant Finance Director

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-353** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-354** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the minutes from the special meeting - study session held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner**
   A. **Res. #21-355** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the request from Reverend Arthur Willis to hold the 2022 Annual MLK Day Community March Event and to close the roads of Ozga St. to McBride St. and McBride St. to Tobine St. during the march. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #21-356 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the settlement agreement discussed in the closed session. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   Res. #21-357 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Henry Warren. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-358 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Keith Wells. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-359 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Eleanor Ryan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-360 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sharon Marie Odum-Nelson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-361 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Carol Harriff. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-362** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency effective from December 17, 2021, through September 30, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-363** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to appoint Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director, as the primary designee and Mayor Robert A. McCraight as the alternate designee representatives for the City of Romulus on the Downriver Utility Waste Authority (DUWA). **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-364** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Continuing Services Agreement for professional services with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM) until December 31, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   D. **Res. #21-365** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the master agreement with Hennessey Engineers, Inc., for Professional Services until December 31, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   E. **Res. #21-366** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the professional services agreement with ROWE Professional Services Company for professional services until December 31, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   F. **Res. #21-367** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and award bid ITB 21/22-07 to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Ancona Controls, a five (5) year contractual services agreement for the annual inspection and maintenance of the backup generators for all of the City's buildings. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   G. **Res. #21-368** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-08 to EJ USA for the purchase of valve boxes at the pricing indicated on the tabulation sheet. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-369 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-08 to Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of all other parts in the bid at the pricing indicated on the tabulation sheet. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-370** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the study session request from Assistant DPW Director Kathy Hood for Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the draft of the City of Romulus non-Motorized Pathway Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. Chairman Barden allowed a resident to address the City Council regarding his request to have the status of lead service lines be presented during the Regular Meeting instead of a study session.
   Res. # 21-371 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the study session request from DPW Director Roberto Scappaticci for Monday, January 24, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the Lead Service Line Status for the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Boards and Commission's Report**
   A. Officers Compensation Report
   No action was taken. Councilperson Talley thanked the residents for the opportunity to be their rep resentative and to compensate her for a job she enjoys doing.
9. **Public Comment -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
10. **Unfinished Business -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
11. **New Business**
12. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #21-372** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve of Warrant #: 21-23 for checks presented in the amount of $1,486,657.26 **Motion Carried Unanimously**
13. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
14. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 13, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Inkster - Romulus

Team effort

Firefighters from the City of Romulus were dispatched to a major blaze at a commercial building early Saturday morning, Jan. 29. Firefighters said the alarm came just at shift change at the department requiring an off duty crew to respond to the man the fire station. Firefighters and equipment from the Metro Airport, Taylor and Wayne fire departments arrived at the scene near Inkster Road and Beverly in case extra help was needed battling the blaze in the 13-degree temperatures. Firefighters said the cold temperatures and intensity of the blaze required "constant rotation" of firefighters. Romulus fire officials said help from the Romulus Department of Public Works was invaluable in providing heavy equipment to remove collapsed metal from the building roof so firefighters could extinguish remaining "hot spots" at the site of the blaze. Officials said that city building department inspectors were already at the site Sunday to assess safety at the structure which was estimated to be a total loss. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Chamber to host showcase for Black-owned businesses

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host the Black-Owned Business and Vendor Showcase Feb. 26.

The free event will take place at the City Event Centre, 37451 Ecorse Road and is open to the public.

The Black-Owned Business and Vendor Showcase is the newest offering from the chamber Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. The Task Force sponsored an "Intro to DEI" event last fall and is also working on a Women in Business Panel Discussion for March.

Jazmine Danci, executive director of the Romulus chamber, said that about 10 percent of the current chamber members are Black-owned businesses, something officials hope to see increase.

"Black and other minority-owned businesses are an important part of the economy. We hope the Showcase will bring together new consumers and buyers, strengthening the whole community," Danci said.

Black-owned businesses from Romulus and the surrounding area are invited to purchase table space at the Showcase on a first come-first serve basis online at Tinyurl.com/yr95upb5, or on the Facebook page.

Vendor spaces are priced at $40 for non-chamber members and $20 for current members. There are discounts available for those who wish to join the chamber, Danci said.

The Greater Romulus Chamber aims to build and strengthen the local economy by providing networking opportunities and promotions for their members, she added. To learn more about the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, visit www.romuluschamber.org, call (734) 893-0694, or visit the Facebook site.

Te'Onna Lashey Tolliver

Missing girl has may have connections to Inkster

A teen missing since the day after Christmas has been reported seen in the Inkster and Romulus area.

The disappearance of Te'Onna Lashay Tolliver, 15, remains an open investigation with the Ann Arbor Police. She was last seen at her family home Dec. 26, 2021. The teen has connections to Inkster, according to police reports, and someone matching her description was seen in the area of Van Born and Middlebelt Road in Romulus. She was also reportedly seen on the 7000 block of Michigan Avenue in Detroit.

Tolliver often wears a black bonnet over her hair, her family told police, and is known to wear a honey-blonde colored, shoulder-length wig over her natural black hair.

She is described as about 5-feet, 5-inches tall weighing about 125 pounds. She was last seen, according to police reports, wearing a white hoodie, Adidas black track pants and black boots.

Police have asked anyone with information about her whereabouts to call 911 or Ann Arbor Police at (734) 794-6920.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Merrie Druyor - DDA/TIFA Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #21-373** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - B. **Res. #21-374** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting - executive/closed session held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and pending litigation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #21-375** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Steven Harmon to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on July 31, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - B. **Res. #21-376** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the modification request from O.R. Colan Associates for additional fees to perform turnkey right-of-way services for the potential reconfiguration of the Wayne/Ecorse intersection at a cost of $17,550.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #21-377** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of David Allison, Fire Prevention Chief, Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director, and Robert Pfannes, Police Chief and approve the traffic control order for the installation of a "NO PARKING/FIRE LANE" sign to be installed on the east side of Inverness Drive (fire hydrant side) and be posted through the cul-de-sac on both sides. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
8. **Public Comment -** None
9. **Unfinished Business -** None
10. **New Business -** None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #21-378** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-24 and disburse checks presented in the amount of $1,012,814.55. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
12. **Communication -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 28, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley, Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-008** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #22-009 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Richard Yeramian. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko presented the Mayor's Report in the absence of Mayor McCraight.
   - A. **Res. #22-010**Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all activities during the 2022 Craft and Vendor Shows hosted by Flowers in the Mitten as well as the closure of Goddard Road between Romaine and Olive Streets beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: June 25, 2022, August 13, 2022, and September 17, 2022 (as part of Pumpkin Festival), and October 22, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - B. **Res. #22-011** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Second Amendment Lease agreement with Big Steve's Designz, LLC for the lease of 35255 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   Tanya Cofield, MLK Day Planning Committee member, updated City Council and residents on the changes to the MLK Day Community Celebration. She announced that the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club has been canceled due to the surge in COVID cases through out the state. Coffee and packaged pastries will be served in place of the pancake breakfast; however, the community march and subsequent program will proceed as scheduled.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment -** None
9. **Unfinished Business -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
10. **New Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-012** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #:22-1. for checks presented in the amount of $258,585.73.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
      Nays - None **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
12. **Communication -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 10, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Canton - Plymouth

Police release sketch of suspect in attempted child abduction

The Canton Police Department has released a composite sketch of the suspect in an attempted abduction of a 12-year-old boy recently.

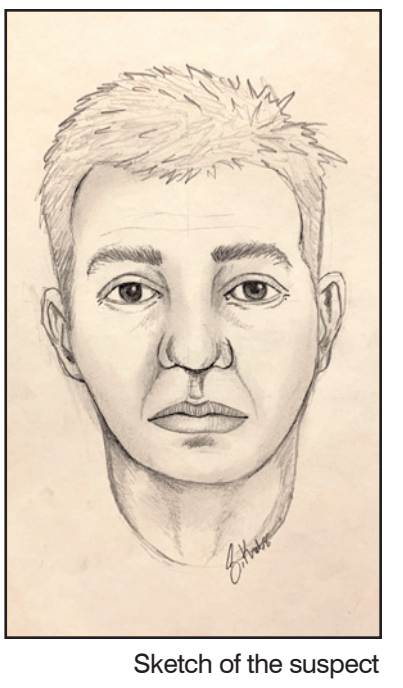
According to the initial report, at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, the student was at his school bus stop in the 51074 block of Mott Road near College Park Mobile Homes, when a male suspect physically attempted to grab him. The student was able to fight the man off and run back to his home, according to police reports. According to reports, this was only the second day the student's parents had allowed him to walk to the bus stop alone.

> *"The student was able to fight the man off..."*

The boy told police that he observed the man driving slowly and apparently watching him as he was nearing the bus stop. He said the man left the car and attempted to grab him.

The white male suspect is described as approximately 30-years-old, 6-feet tall with a thin build. He was described as clean shaven, with short blond, spiked hair. He was wearing a black hoodie and gray pants. Canton Police detectives released images from a surveillance camera in the area that show a white four-door Ford Taurus leaving the area of the mobile home park at the time of the encounter. Police suspect the driver may have been the person who approached the 12-year-old.

Anyone who may have any information about the suspect or the incident is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.



Sketch of the suspect

Service Above Self

Supporting the Rotary Club motto, a group of 12 Plymouth Rotarians, spouses and friends gathered at Focus Hope Jan. 13 to help pack food boxes to be distributed to area seniors in need. The intrepid band packed 12 pallets, more than 600 boxes for distribution. Among those on hand for the project were Mary Lu Stone, Christina Vega, John and Denise King, Tim and Kevin Joy, Kirk Kohn, Brian Vincent, Andy Savage, Pam Yagiela, and Tammy Cole. The group is planning another trip to Focus Hope trip in February.

Nominations for Whipple Award sought in Plymouth

Nominations are now being accepted in Plymouth for the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement.

The award is named in honor of Ruth Huston-Whipple, the first female elected Plymouth City Commissioner (1934-1949), first female mayor of Plymouth (1940-1942) and first female Wayne County Board of Supervisors member. She was a 1913 graduate of Plymouth High School and later worked as a teacher and debate coach at the school.

Mrs. Whipple fought against school policies that discriminated against married women and eventually left the district in protest. She remained, however, a leader in the Plymouth community, championing the improvement of inhumane conditions at a local juvenile detention center and addressing environmental and beautification concerns in the city. The purpose of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is to honor a community member who, like Ruth Huston-Whipple, has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through his or her exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement in the community above and beyond reasonable expectations; demonstrated character, commitment and/or leadership qualities; actively participated in community or civic organizations whose sphere of influence falls within the City of Plymouth and exemplified accomplishments and contributions to the economic vitality and/or residential quality of life in the City of Plymouth.

Nominees must have demonstrated engagement, leadership and achievement over a period of time. A person nominated must have demonstrated civic and/or philanthropic engagement within the City of Plymouth. Examples of impact should show a community benefit, delivered with integrity and perseverance. Married couples can be nominated although past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award recipients, current members of the Plymouth City Commission and full-time employees of the City of Plymouth are not eligible to be nominated.

The nomination period closes April 30 of each year when a selection committee comprising two mayor-appointed city commissioners and a representative from the City of Plymouth administration will select and notify the winner(s).

The nomination form is available at plymouthmi.gov/nomination.

Past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award Winners were Debra Madonna in 2020 and the late Jim Jabara in 2021.

INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 01012022
UNDERGROUND SERVICES FOR WATER & SEWER DISTRIBUTION

Sealed bids for furnishing prices related to underground repair services to maintain water & sewer rinf astructure on an "As needed" basis, in accordance with the attached specifications and standard instructions. Technical questions shall be directed to John Danci, Director of Public Works at (734) 787-7244 or Township Supervisor. **Prices to be effective through December 31st, 2024**.

Bid response forms will be due by **4pm on Monday February 28th, 202**2 and may be submitted in person or via USPS mail. All bids will be held confidential until a predetermined Township board meeting in accordance with township policies and procedures.

Bid documents are available at www.sumptertwp.org or via request at the Department of Public Works building (23483 Sumpter Rd. Belleville, MI 48111).

Invitation to bid and all its pages, documents, and attachments, including those added subsequently by written notice, submitted, and properly executed, shall constitute the contract between Sumpter Township and the successful vendor(s) when approved and accepted by the township board of trustees.

Sumpter Township reserves the right to accept or reject all or any parts of all bids, to waive irregularities and to award successful contract(s) in the best interest of the township.

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:32 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 16 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the Agenda with the following edits;
ADD; 13. New Business, Agenda Item F
"Consider approval to hire Scott Holtz as the Finance Director at $80,000.00 per year and benefits (excluding Medical BuyOut) effective January 12, 2022, with a one-year contract expiring on January 31, 2023."
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the warrants total of $2,078,899.93. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman:
- I'm pleased to report that the Supervisor's Office gave out approximately 50 stockings to Sumpter children for Christmas. I want to again thank all our Sponsors for contributing so that we were able to provide this.
- The Township Hall will be closed next Monday, January 17th, in observation of Martin Luther King's day.
- I'm proud to report that Sumpter Township has been recognized for receiving a perfect score on our 2021 Audit of Minimum Assessing requirements. This has been acknowledged at the State Tax Commission. This is largely due in part to WCA Assessing Services.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 7%	Insurance matters 4%,
Township Board meetings 4%	Meeting with Twp Officials 5%
Water & Sewer 9%	Police, Fire 12%
Prosecutions 14%	Ordinance & Blight 12%
Labor Contract/LOU 4%	Employee Contract Issues 9%,
Republic 2%	Planning 6%
Library 1%	Parks & Recreation 3%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 0%	Board Direction/Sale of Property 4%
Audit/Finance 1%	Misc. 2%

- Attorney Young requested a New Business, Agenda Item G, "*Consider approval for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 in 2011 as the Township meets provisions for exemption as provided in the Act.*"
- Pleased with the Ordinance & Blight progress supported by Officers Gregory & Scott. This is evidenced by the increased number of court consideration items and completed necessary actions.
- Recent Dangerous Buildings meetings have produced positive results and property owners are, initially, getting necessary permits from the Building Department to correct the issues with the properties. John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers proved to be a valuable support as the Township Court Officer.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police/Ordinance Report - Chief Luke:
- A YTD report for the Ordinance efforts will be shared at the Board Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022.
- The Evoli Stats Graphs were shared with the Board and all were pleased with the information and positive impact the units were having on traffic behaviors.

Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building Report - Bowman:
- Supervisor Bowman thanked Acheenia Hall, Building Department Clerk, for her efforts and the positive results in the Department.
- Supervisor Bowman is working with Chris Brinkmeier, Inspector that the Township needs to develop a Commercial Building Project Application that is separate from the Residential, as each are very different in scope and consideration.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Building report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report - Chief Brown:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:
- Trustee Rush expressed thanks to all Departments and Employees for their contributions over the past several months.
- Trustee LaPorte thanked the Sumpter Township Fire Department for its professional response to the Auto Auction Fire on Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- Trustee LaPorte requested a motion to direct the Supervisor's Office to conduct a 6-Month performance review of DPW Director John Danci and that Chief Luke, Sumpter Township Police Department conduct a 6-Month performance review of Sumpter Township Fire Department Chief, Richard Brown.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to direct the Supervisor's Office to conduct a 6- Month performance review of DPW Director John Danci and that Chief Luke, Sumpter Township Police Department conduct a 6-Month performance review of Sumpter Township Fire Department Chief, Richard Brown and present the reviews at the Board Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to terminate the employment of probationary firefighter Jacob Kosikowski. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve to promote fire lieutenant Jamie Goode to Captain. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve PSLZ, LLP to conduct the 2021/2022 Financial Audit at a cost of $15,400 and, if required, the Single Audit (A133 Federal Funds Compliance) at a cost of $10,000. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the benefits proposals from Burnham and Flower for the Blue Care Network Medical/RX at an annual cost of $414,775, VSP Vision at an annual cost of $2,148 and Delta Dental at an annual cost premium increase of 0.88% per enrolled employee, effective 2/1/2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve training of a union employee to serve as back up to the Water Billing Clerk. BS&A training quoted at $1,125 for the day as shown on attached proposal. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to approve to hire Scott Holtz as the Finance Director at $80,000.00 per year with benefits (excluding Medical Buy-Out) effective January 12, 2022, with a one-year contract expiring on January 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 in 2011 as the Township meets provisions for exemption as provided in the Act. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve immediately posting and publishing an employment opportunity notice for the position of Township Administrator with a compensation package dependent upon qualifications and experience. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:
- Trustee LaPorte advised residents that a limited supply of smoke detectors are available. Please see the Clerk's Office or the Fire Department for details.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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NORTHVILLE

Signs of the times

Northville Library installs signage to help non-verbal

Visitors to the Northville District Library will notice some bright new signage in the building, designed specifically to aid visual communication about library services.

The core board installation includes specific vocabulary for a given activity. The boards feature a small collection of words that make up the majority of what is communicated daily in that particular setting. Youth Services Librarian Cathrine Trautman prompted the installation of the boards after being inspired by her niece, who is nonverbal. She collaborated with two local speech pathologists, Susan Oleson and Lia Gargaro, to design the boards. The new signage is another means for the library to include anyone in the community who is neurodivergent and or non-verbal to feel included, she said.

"This is a way to take part in normalizing different modes of communication while being a proactive and positive influence; we hope that the core boards inspire curiosity and conversation for teachable moments, in addition to being a helpful tool," Trautman said.

Handheld core boards will be available at all public service desks with a larger core board installed near the main stairwell.

The library has been committed to creating a more inclusive environment, and has a history of offering a range of formats and resources, which includes large print books, a magnifying machine located on the lower level of the library, audiobooks, ESL and language learning materials, graphic novels, read-alongs and easy readers. The library also offers downloadable eBook services, Libby by Overdrive and Hoopla Digital, with the option to use Open Dyslexic font while reading, library officials said. There is a book collection for readers with dyslexia currently in the planning and the addition of the core boards is meant to provide a voice for anyone to use.

The Friends of the Northville District Library and Community Financial Credit Union contributed to the cost of the boards, library officials explained, For more information, visit Northville District Library: facebook.com/northvillelibrary: northvillelibrary.org, or telephone the library at (248) 349-3020. For questions regarding the development of the Core Vocabulary Boards for NDL, Trautman can be reached directly at: ctrautman@northvillelibrary.org.

Northville Youth Services Librarian Cathrine Trautman, left, Speech Pathologist Lia Gargaro and Speech Pathologist Susan Oleson display one of the new core boards designed to include non-verbal visitors at the library.

Tipping Point to present 'The Play That Goes Wrong'

The Play That Goes Wrong will take a series of mishaps, miscues and mayhem to the stage at Tipping Point Theatre.

"The Play That Goes Wrong grasps on to the phrase 'the show must go on' for dear life and refuses to release it from its death grip until the actors' final bow. People are knocked out, lines are forgotten and it seems the set is being held together by hot glue and wishful thinking. It's an actor's worst nightmare that just won't end - and audiences can watch it all happen from the comfort of ticketed seats," commented Producing Artistic Director James Kuhl.

"What's the worst that could happen?" Kuhl said he asked himself, "Aside from, you know, the things that are supposed to go wrong." The production features some hefty technical mishaps, including a second story platform falling. The theater seats just over 100 people in the intimate space adding some extra limitations to the technical feat the production requires. Tipping Point actors and producers are no stranger to pushing the limits of the space, however.

"Tipping Point likes to push things as far as we can and challenge the perceived restrictions of our space." Their 2018 production of David Lindsay Abair's Ripcord saw the staging of parachuting grandmas while their 2020 production of The 39 Steps featured not only a daring train chase, but an airplane chase as well.

> *Tipping Point likes to push things as far as we can and challenge the perceived restrictions of our space.*

Tipping Point Theatre will present the murder mystery that brings Murphy's Law to full and glorious life Feb. 3 - March 6. Tickets, priced at $26, can be purchased at tippingpointtheatre.com or by calling the box office at (248)-347-0003, with special discounts for seniors, military, students, and groups in need of some comedic healing. The actors may be struggling to keep it together safely on stage, but Tipping Point Theatre has COVID precautions in place to ensure the safety of everyone in the building. Proof of vaccination with a photo ID is required for those attending and everyone must wear a mask while inside the building, with the exception of the actors on stage. Seating is reduced to two thirds The complete COVID policy is available at www.TippingPointTheatre.com/covid19-policies.

Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St., Northville.

For more information, call (248) 347-0003.

NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

STATION ALERTING SERVICES

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for Station Alerting Services **(SFG)** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

Proposals will be received until **2:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Standard Time, **Friday, February 11, 2022**. Bids must be mailed via the **USPS to this address**:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

There will be a bid opening on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. EST. All firms submitting proposals will be invited to participate.

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"STATION ALERTING SERVICES"

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award a contract to other than the lowest proposer, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; to subdivide the award, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

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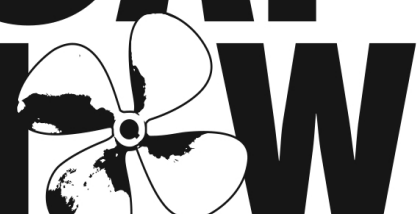

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Sat, February 19, 10am-9pm
Sun, February 20, 10-5pm

GRBoatShow.com

Wayne - Westland

Westland offers warming stations for residents

Warming centers are available throughout Westland in response to the extreme cold temperatures in the area.

Residents will find warming centers at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway will be open to residents to stay warm from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

A warming center will also be available at the Westland Friendship Senior Center, 1119 Newburgh Road from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 312150 Dorsey, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday; from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

After hours, the Westland Police Department lobby, 36701 Ford Road and Ralph Savini Fire Station (station 1), 35701 Central City Parkway, are available to residents seeking relief from the cold weather.

Those who may see someone out in the cold are urged to contact 911 or the non-emergency police line at (734)722-9600. Emergency personnel will work to ensure they are taken to a safe place to stay warm.

Residents are also asked to keep four-legged friends in mind during this extreme cold weather. Animals cannot handle being left outside in temperatures below freezing for more than a few minutes without being at extreme risk for hypothermia, frostbite and death.

Please report findings of animals left outside without proper shelter to animal control at (734)738-3852 or the non-emergency police line at (734)722-9600 for after hour reporting.

For more information, contact the mayor's office at (734) 467-3200.

Scholarships to Eastern now available to district students

Students at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools have a chance to further their educations at Eastern Michigan University without debt.

Eastern officials have partnered with the school district to offer students from the high schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center the opportunity to earn the Education First Opportunity Scholarship. Education First Opportunity Scholarship (EFOS) will help eligible students receive free tuition through a combination of federal Pell Grants and EMU funds.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have a 3.0 GPA and a minimum ACT composite of 20. The scholarship offers full tuition minus the Federal Pell Grant money a student receives.

Founded in 1849, Eastern is the second oldest public university in Michigan. It currently serves nearly 16,000 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, specialist, doctoral and certificate degrees in the arts,

sciences and professions. In all, more than 300 majors, minors and concentrations are delivered through

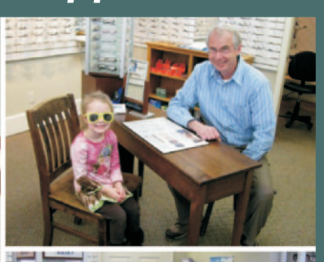
the University Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Business; Education; Engineering and Technology; Health and Human Services and graduate school.

For more information about Eastern Michigan University, visit the University website.

Century of service

Members of the Wayne Rotary Club are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the club by performing one service project per month. The January project was distributing a dictionary to every 3rd and 4th grader in the City of Wayne. Because of the pandemic, the teachers will distribute the books this year. Next year, Rotary members said they hope to be back in person presenting each child a personalized dictionary.

Special limited hours - Call for an appointment



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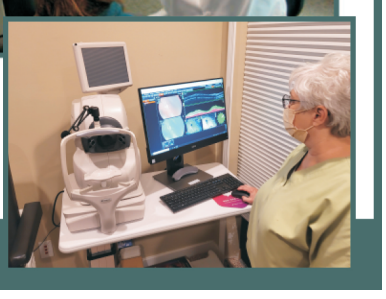

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